ശേഷമല്ലാതെ എന്റെ സ്വന്തമനസ്സാക്ഷിയെ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകാരമോ ഇദ്ദേഹം രാജിനാമം എഴുതി അയക്കുവാൻ ന്യായമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു" ഈ വിവരം അറിവാനായി എഴുതിയിരിക്കുന്നു".

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— They were removed by section 8 of Regulation V of 1089. There it is said "if there is a misconduct or a neglect of duty," etc. why was he removed?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— For neglect of duty.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— If they were removed for neglect of duty, can they stand again for re-election?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— Government consider there is no objection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is this Mr. Ayyappa Menon a Government servant?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— Yes, he is.

Salt Contractor.

63. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House:—

(a) a copy of the agreement entered into with the present salt contractor by the Government;

(b) the quantity of salt supplied by the present contractor during each of the months after the date of the contract;

(c) the quantity of salt supplied by the previous contractor during each of the months for the two years previous to the date of the present contract?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— (a) Copy is placed on the Council Table for reference.

(b) & (c) Vide the statement appended (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Road between Pathiyaram and Chalakkudi.

64. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether petitions signed by a very large number of people from the Pathiyaram, Kodasseri and Elinjippara villages had been received by the Government in the years 1102 and 1103, requesting the Government to construct a road between Pathiyaram and Chalakkudi through the 'Pallipurath Padom'; and if so, how many and what action has been taken so far by the Government in this connection;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the above villagers had been agitating for the road in question for the last twenty years nearly and that the proposed road, if opened, will be very useful to the people of the locality as it will open out their country?

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Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Yes. Three petitions were received. The petitions were forwarded to the Chief Engineer and the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats for enquiry and their reports have just been received. The matter is under consideration.

(b) It is reported that the proposed road will be useful.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know the dates when these petitions were received? It is said in the answer "three petitions were received".

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I have no information here.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—When were they sent to the Chief Engineer and to the Superintendent of Panchayats?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I cannot say. My file is not here.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Did the Chief Engineer go to the place and make a local investigation before he made his report?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I do not know.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know whether the permanent Chief Engineer went there? May I know whether, in the report submitted by the Chief Engineer, any approximate cost for the road has been made?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I cannot say that without the file. I must look into the Huzur file, and I have asked for the same. One petition was dated 5th Chingam 1103. It was received in the Huzur on September 14th, 1927. This was rejected. It came back on August 29, 1927. Another petition was forwarded on second December 1927 and another petition on March 15, 1928.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I am speaking about the three petitions referred to in the answer.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I think these are the three petitions. You will remember that even the earliest came before I came. Its approximate cost was put down as Rs. 13,000. That report went on March 31, 1928, that is, 3 days before I took charge.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Has the Chief Engineer made any suggestion as to when the work can be commenced, in his report?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—There it is said that it may be spread over for three years, from the date of commencement. The first year Rs. 3,000, second year Rs. 3,500 and third year Rs. 3,500.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Can you say when it begins?

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Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The work has not been provided for in the budget for 1104.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I want to know whether it has been car-marked for the year 1105 at least.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is too early to say that.

Moolathura system.

65. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when water is usually diverted along the Moolathura system after silt clearance;

(2) when was the silt clearance complete;

(3) who check-measured it;

(4) now that the monsoon has not burst out why was not water diverted till now (5th Mithunam 1103) that the *Podivitha* lands may be cultivated;

(5) whether it is a fact that the Government intend to keep all the spouts under the system as far as the *Eri* under lock and key;

(6) under ordinary circumstances what the period of time is between one supply of water and another for lands under the system?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(1) The Member is referred to the copy of the rules relating to the system, placed on the Council Table.

(2) 15th Mithunam 1103.

(3) The Assistant Engineer.

(4) Water is not generally necessary at this stage for *Podivitha* lands.

(5) The question is not intelligible.

(6) Please vide copy of the rules placed on the Council Table.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—According to the rules, the system ought to have been ready from first of May for the distribution of water. Here this was commenced only on the 15th of Mithunam. Why was this inordinate delay?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—There is a date for closure also. We were not able to close early, and because there was water there, we had to send water to fall into the *Eries* (ഏരി).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—We used to get water before also.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—This year, according to the seasons, the closure date was late and the opening date was also late. That is why the date varies.

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